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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7450**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 469

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 9, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 5, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Rural Broadband.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Houchin

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Koch

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill urges the Legislative Council to assign to the Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications the topic of the provision of affordable broadband services in unserved areas in Indiana. The bill provides that if the topic is assigned to the committee, the committee shall: (1) consider specific strategies to encourage the provision of affordable broadband services in unserved areas in Indiana; and (2) issue a final report, including any recommendations for legislation, to the Council not later than November 1, 2015.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill urges the Legislative Council to assign the topic of provision of affordable broadband services in unserved rural areas in Indiana to the Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications. If the committee were to hold additional meetings to address this topic, there would be additional expenditures for legislator per diem and travel reimbursement for the committee members. Any additional expenditures must be within the committee's budget, which is established by the Legislative Council.

Interim study committees operate on budgets established by the Legislative Council based on committee size. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members and \$16,500 for committees with 16 members or more. The Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications had 14 members during the 2014 legislative interim.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Council.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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